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SUBJECT; CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY BY NEW ECUADOREAN

- AMBASSADOR

1. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE JOSE CARDENAS CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY JANUARY 27 TO PRESENT COPIES OF CREDENTIALS AND REMARKS TO PRESIDENT. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF AMENITIES, DEPUTY SECRETARY EXPRESSED REGRET AT DETERIORATION IN US-ECUADOREAN RELATIONS SINCE HIS VISIT TO QUITO LAST NOVEMBER FOR OAS MFN. DEPUTY SECRETARY MENTIONED THAT ADMINISTRATION HAD OPPOSED CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS WHICH CONGRESS INSISTED ON INCLUDING IN TRADE REFORM ACT, AND THAT ADMINISTRATION WILL ATTEMPT REMEDIAL ACTION, BUT OTHER NATIONS SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF ADVANTAGES WHICH TRA WILL BRING THEM. DEPUTY SECRETARY STATED THAT USG WAS DISTURBED BY WEEKEND SEIZURE OF FOUR US TUNA VESSELS OFF COAST OF ECUADOR, BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH INCIDENTS SINCE EARLY 1973 AND USG HAD COME
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TO HOPE THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD NO LONGER TROUBLE OUR RELATIONS.

2. CARDENAS REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY HIS GOVERNMENT THAT ABOUT 42 US VESSELS WERE FOUND FISHING IN GOE TERRITORIAL WATERS, AND THAT A ROUTINE CHECK SHOWED THAT FOUR WERE WITHOUT REGISTRATION OR LICENSES. THESE VESSELS WERE TAKEN INTO PORT, AND HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD BE RELEASED SOON. BOTH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR CARDENAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ISSUE WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO AFFECT OUR RELATIONS. HOWEVER DEPUTY SECRETARY

POINTED OUT THAT SHIP SEIZURES HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON CONGRESS AND CAN RESULT IN UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES IN OTHER SECTORS OF INTEREST TO ECUADOR.

3. MEETING WAS CORDIAL THROUGHOUT AND DEPUTY SECRETARY CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING DESIRE TO SEE AMBASSADOR CARDENAS FROM TIME TO TIME. KISSINGER

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